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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Objection to Claims

This objection has been addressed by amending claim 1 to correct various minor grammatical and idiomatic errors that arose during translation of the claim into English. In addition, the limitations of claims 4 and 5 have been added to claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now in proper format and therefore withdrawal of the objection to claims 1-6 is respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of Claims 1-6 Under 35 USC §103(a) in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,788,527 (Doczy) and 6,829,140 (Shimano)

This rejection is respectfully traversed on the grounds that the Doczy and Shimano patents fail to disclose or suggest a receiving arrangement for a portable computer that includes a base member, to which the portable computer is secured, that includes:

- a swinging retainer plate received in a front hole of the portable computer;
- a front recess for receiving the swinging retainer plate; and
- a keyboard disposed at the top face of the base member,

both as recited in amended claim 1.

As noted in the Official Action, the Doczy patent does not disclose any sort of swinging retainer plate or recess in "base member" 18. Furthermore, base member 18 of Doczy does include a keyboard disposed at a top face, but rather provides a keyboard unit 14, which may be "separately or jointly" docket with the portable computer using a latch/release mechanism on the keyboard itself, rather than on the base member.

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This deficiency is not made up for by the Shimano patent. While element 60 of Shimano might arguably be a swinging retainer plate as alleged by the Examiner, which latches into cavity 72 in a portable computer, the purpose of latching assembly 60 is simply to latch the portable computer into a closed or tablet state, as described in col. 8, lines 45-59. Latching assembly 60 does not latch the portable computer to a base member. Furthermore, there is absolutely no suggestion that the latching assembly 60 of Shimano is received by a *front recess of a base member* (as is clear from Figs. 6(a)-6(c), the latching assembly simply swings outwardly when not received in the latching hole 72, and is not received in any other recess), and no suggestion of placing a keyboard on the *top* face of the base member, as claimed.

Because the Doczy patent discloses a base member with a latching arrangement that does not include the claimed swinging retainer plate, and that lacks the claimed keyboard, while the Shimano patent does not disclose any sort of arrangement for latching a portable computer to a base member, but rather a latching arrangement that is used to latch a pivotally opening notebook computer in a closed position, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 USC §103(a) is improper and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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